

PATENT

Docket No.: 12218/42

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Akiko NISHI, et al.  
SERIAL NO. : (Natl. Phase of PCT/JP03/06807)  
FILED : (Herewith)  
For : NOVEL ACYLASE GENE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified  
national phase application, please enter the following  
amendment.